and economic aspects of backwardness. The Commission also considers the views of the respective State Government and the representatives of other interested parties before recommending any caste/community for inclusion in the Central Lists of OBCs or otherwise. Only those communities, which fulfil the above criteria are recommended by the NCBC for inclusion in the Central Lists of OBCs. The Government of India decides cases for inclusion/amendment in the Central Lists of Backward Classes on the basis of advice tendered by NCBC.

In the first phase, the castes/communities were included in the Central Lists of OBCs on the basis of commonality *i.e.*, the castes/communities which were found common both in the Mandal Commission Report and State/UT list of backward classes. Thereafter, the cases of inclusion/amendment in the Central Lists of OBCs have been recommended by the NCBC. After thorough examination of each case in the light of procedure laid down by the Commission. Therefore, the question of injustice to any community does not arise.

Increase in unit cost under National Scheme for Scavengers

2236. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR :
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the unit cost from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 under National Scheme for Scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, the number of units sanctioned in the revised rates to the States, togetherwith the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) how many units have been requested by the Government of Karnataka for the year 2000-2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR.SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) At present, assistance is provided for projects costing upto Rs. 50,000 under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents. No decision has been taken to increase the unit cost of projects eligible for assistance to Rs. 5,00,000.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Karnataka had requested for assistance for the liberation of 4646 scavengers during the year 2000-2001.

Centres working for handicapped persons

2237. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWEREMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the associations/centres working for the handicapped persons, State-wise ;

(b) the grants given by Government during the last three years to these centres;

(c) whether some complaints have been received by Government against the management of such centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) and (b) Details showing the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), State-wise receiving grants-in-aid under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities and the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP) and the grants given to them during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

Besides, the National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres are also providing rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities. The expenditure incurred for the Centres supported or run by them during the last three years was Rs. 23.75 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 32.98 crores in 1999-2000 and Rs. 35.16 crores in 2000-01.

(c) and (d) On the basis of complaints, two NGOs from Uttar Pradesh receiving Grant-in-aid under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities have been blacklisted. Action had also been initiated against two NGOs from Bihar out of which one NGO has been de-blacklisted. Action against one NGO from Orissa has been initiated.